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Interagency Council on Homelessness

DRAFT MINUTES
of the
INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS
meeting on

November 7, 2014

Videoconference Meeting Locations:

Desert Regional Center (DRC)
1391 S. Jones Blvd., Training Room
Las Vegas, NV 89146

Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)
4150 Technology Way, 3rd Floor, Room 301
Carson City, NV 89706

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, ANNOUNCEMENTS – ELLEN RICHARDSON-ADAMS “For Possible Action”

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m., and a quorum was determined by roll call.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ellen Richardson-Adams, Chair
Betsy Aiello
James “Greg” Cox
Tyrone Thompson
Michele Fuller-Hallauer
Tony Ramierz
Michael McMahon
Kevin Quint
Stephen Shipman
Carla Jean “CJ” Manthe
John Schmidt

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kathleen Sandoval
Kelly Robson

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OTHERS PRESENT:

Katy Miller – US Interagency Council on Homelessness (phone)
Kelly Marschall – Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.
Sarah Yeats Patrick – Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.
Brian Nelson – Frontier Community Action/Humboldt Horizon
Jon Bigler – Nevada Housing Division
Desiree Bennett – Aging and Disability Services
Patrick Cashell – Volunteers of America
Phyllis Hargrove – HUD
Paula Zier – Title 1 HOPE, CCSD
Kymm Buckner – Hero School
Kathi Thomas-Gibson – City of Las Vegas
David Figler – Fremont Street Experience
Julianna Glock – Volunteers of America
Marka Turner – Nevada Rural Housing Authority

ASSISTING STAFF:

Julie Slabaugh, Senior Deputy Attorney General (Carson City)
Anabel Ballard (Las Vegas)
Diane Dempsey (Carson City)

Announcements

Michele Fuller-Hallauer announced that Project Homeless Connect in Southern Nevada will take place on November 19, 2014, at Cashman Field. If you would be interested in volunteering, please sign up at <http://nevadahomelessalliance.org/project-homeless-connect>. Michele gave a quick update on a couple of new national initiatives that are underway in Clark County. These initiatives present a unique opportunity to aim upstream and identify opportunities for intervention beyond the traditional entry points in the homeless system of care. Over the next few months they will be working to launch a pilot program that aims to break the cycle of homelessness and to better connect them with appropriate housing and services. Another TA initiative launching in December will focus around strategies to leverage the Affordable Care Act to advance health and housing outcomes for homeless individuals by integrating subsidized housing and health care services on a systems level. The initiative will focus on a Planning Session tentatively scheduled on December 10 and 11, and will focus on three primary subject areas: the State Medicaid Plan, the Role of Managed Care Organizations, and Creating an Effective Resume for Your Program. If anyone is interested in learning more about these initiatives, let Michele know. Michele can be contacted at mhf@clarkcounty.nv.gov. Betsy asked if someone from Medicaid would be at that meeting. Michele said they will be inviting people from Medicaid and if Betsy had someone specific in mind, please send

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the contact information. Ms. Miller added that she is very interested in leveraging Medicaid and would like to be looped into that conversation as well. Mike McMahon said he would ensure Katy gets that information.

Ellen notified the group that the Council has a new website where everyone can view minutes and agendas, as well as the membership. If the members of the public wish to contact a member, they will be directed to Anabel and/or Diane who will obtain the public's information and then forward to the member. Diane will e-mail members with the website address.

Ellen advised that one of the vacancies on the Council is an individual who has been homeless. Ideally, we need one person, per the Executive Order, but it is hoped this representation can be filled with a person from the north and south. Ellen said if anyone knows of an individual who is interested, please feel free to contact her and she will help lead them to the website for the application.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Cashell commented he is going to apply for the position as he was formerly homeless. Ellen thanked Mr. Cashell.

III. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 *"For Possible Action"*

John Schmidt noted a correction on the bottom of page 3, change car to care. Michele Fuller-Hallauer noted her name was misspelled.

MOTION: Tyrone Thompson moved to accept the minutes with the noted corrections. Kevin Quint seconded. Michele Fuller-Hallauer abstained as she was not in attendance at the last meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. UPDATE ON U.S. INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS – KATY MILLER *"For Possible Action"*

Katy reported that the USICH coordinates 19 of the federal agencies around the Federal Strategic Plan to end homelessness, which they call Opening Doors. Their four bold goals are to end veteran homelessness by 2015, chronic homelessness by 2016, family and youth homelessness by 2020, and set a path to end all types of homelessness. Katy's role with the National Initiative Team is to help coordinate the local work and bring the Council's message back to what is happening in Washington, D.C., and vice versa. With regard to Interagency Councils, the greatest success is seen where communities bring together local, state, and federal partners in the same room and align priorities of funding resources. As the State Plan is being adopted, it is also important develop an interagency agreement and find ways to create collaborative funding opportunities to leverage resources, like Medicaid. Supporting the development of portal data entry systems and

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using data to measure the progress and report on the results of what is happening within your community and to drive decisions and priorities. Finally, making sure everyone is aware of your success and celebrates your achievements. The USICH is looking at doing an amendment at the end of this year and come out the first of 2015. Part of the amendment looks at and reflects on some of the changes they are seeing in the communities and some of the things they need to update, like data, and being sure they are striving toward the right goals. They are working with communities to retool crisis response systems and looking at opportunities to leverage Medicaid and ACA. In this amendment they will be stressing data, goal setting, and clear definitions of what it means to end homelessness. Some of the data and results they have seen since the Opening Doors Plan started in 2010, is the drop in the number of persons experiencing chronic homelessness nationally drop by 21 percent; families are down by 11 percent; veterans are down by 33 percent; and, overall homelessness is down by 10 percent. Katy thanked the Council for including her and encouraged members to reach out to her for assistance. Katy is excited for the work everyone is embarking on and said her hope is that they hold each other accountable, drive toward ambitious goals, find ways to leverage mainstream resources, and work across all government agencies to be sure they are heading toward the right endpoint – the goal to ending homelessness.

Betsy said she would like it if she would bring to the group or to her personally what has federally been allowed and approved in the innovative Medicaid approaches. Katy will get Betsy examples of that and will pull together a call with their Policy Director in Washington, D.C.

Ellen referred the Council to the “Complementary Federal Strategies for Ending Homelessness in Our Communities” handout provided by Katy Miller...[\HANDOUTS\Initiatives Summary 2014 Agenda Item IV 11-7-14.pdf](#) . Katy described the initiatives as outlined in the handout, encouraged the members to use the mentioned resources, and said she would be happy to help anyone with the navigation.

Tony Rameriz asked about the 25 Cities since it is targeting Las Vegas and Clark County primarily, and if it was a way to communicate experiences or some of the technical assistances being provided statewide. Katy restated, saying, the question is how to bring the lessons learned from what is happening in Las Vegas to other communities in Nevada. Tony said that was correct. Katy said when she encourages the 25 Cities group to set up an opportunity to share; she believes that what she is learning from other communities there are some incredible lessons learned, especially around navigating the tools.

Michele Fuller-Halluer advised she is the lead for 25 Cities in Southern Nevada and asked to present at the next meeting. Ellen will include Michele on the next agenda.

Katy concluded her presentation by offering her assistance. Ellen thanked Katy.

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V. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS TO BENEFIT HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS (CABHI) STATE GRANT: CREATION, SUBCOMMITTEE – ELLEN RICHARDSON-ADAMS AND MICHAEL McMAHON “For Possible Action”

Michael McMahon reported that they are now in the second year of the CABHI grant process and most all of the subgrantee awards have been executed, with one being finalized by next week. The supplemental grant they received is moving through the system, and they received an additional \$432,000 from the Federal Government for the supplement. Michael will coordinate and communicate with Clark County as far as moving the process forward and will keep them apprised as to the status. The CABHI biannual report and all the required attachments were successfully submitted last week.

Ellen stated at the last meeting, Ruth Hurtado-Day gave an update on the CABHI grant, such as what they are doing on a federal level, how she has been able to do technical assistance and provide support for Nevada. The Chair proposed a subcommittee be created that would address the CABHI grant concerns, items, issues, and plans as an ongoing subcommittee. Ms. Hurtado-Day would be part of that subcommittee.

MOTION: Michele Fuller-Hallauer moved that a CABHI State Grant Subcommittee be formed to address concerns, plans, and issues. John Schmidt seconded. Ellen Richardson-Adams abstained because she is the Project Director on the CABHI grant. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. STATUS ON THE MISSION STATEMENT – KELLY MARSCHALL “For Possible Action”

Kelly Marschall with Social Entrepreneurs reported that at the first Interagency Council meeting some mission statements were shared from the Continuums of Care throughout Nevada, and from other states, as well as the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness. There was considerable discussion and refinement of the draft mission statement, with the charge being provided to the newly formed Strategic Planning Committee to take that information, synthesize it, and return it to this Council with a proposed draft Mission Statement. Kelly added that following the meeting, each member of the Council had an opportunity to review and provide individual feedback to the Chair who then forwarded it to her. She synthesized the comments they received into the draft Mission Statement, becoming version 2.0 and at the Strategic Planning Subcommittee meeting the members of that committee further refined it. Kelly referred to the proposed draft Mission Statement on page 5 in the Strategic Plan template for review, potential revision, or adoption. Kelly said it is important to note that a Mission Statement does not stand-alone. It is the fundamental purpose that the Council defines its work or role; its reason for being. Below the Mission Statement are Values and Guiding Principles that the Strategic Planning Subcommittee also felt were important to articulate that would describe how the Council would do it. Kelly read the proposed draft Mission Statement

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for the Council: Nevada's Interagency Council on Homelessness will lead Nevada's efforts to prevent and end homelessness. Kelly stopped to entertain questions.

Ellen advised that in the printed format all t's and i's were missing throughout the document. This problem will be corrected.

Kelly read the proposed values and guiding principals and stated it is important to articulate the values and guiding principals to compliment the mission. Kelly stated the potential action is to adopt or revise and/or discuss the mission statement.

Stephen Shipman thinks the mission statement is well put and concise and he would recommend the mission statement as written.

Pastor Schmidt asked what Targeting means under Guiding Principals. Kelly suggested adding Targeting Priorities and priorities could be a sub-population in the spirit of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness. They have specific strategies related to veterans and youth. The youth side is largely to prevent homelessness and on the veterans side it is to end homelessness. They also target chronically homeless. So adding Targeting Priority Populations may be a way to strengthen that. John said or specific demographic targeting or something to help clarify that.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer recommended finding ways to take into account the comments that have just been made as we move forward with the Strategic Plan Subcommittee.

Betsy commented, as previously mentioned, the actual action item is the Mission Statement, so that could be approved while they work more on those other sections.

MOTION: Betsy moved to approve the draft Mission Statement to become the Mission Statement for the Interagency Council on Homelessness. Tyrone Thompson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ellen thanked Kelly and her team. Ellen then asked the Senior Deputy Attorney General if she could return to Agenda Item V., to vote and approve on the members who would serve on the CABHI State Grant Subcommittee. Julie said that was okay since it was on the agenda.

**V. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS TO BENEFIT HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS
(CABHI) STATE GRANT: CREATION, SUBCOMMITTEE** *"For Possible Action"*

Ellen recommended Mr. Mike McMahon to sit on the CABHI State Grant Subcommittee because he is the coordinator for the CABHI State Grant and, from a state level, helps to facilitate and implement support. Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Kevin Quint, and Stephen Shipman voiced their support and interest Ellen thanked the volunteers and stated that participation is also open to the public.

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Kelly Marschall suggested that there are four grantees for CABHI in the state, and she has reached out to all of them and they have indicated that they are interested in participating. She thinks that would create a clear line of communication to identify both successes and challenges. Ellen asked Kelly to state their names for the record. Kelly stated the following: Brooke Reed, representative from Clark County Social Services, Pat Cashell from Restart VOA, Kelly Robson, HELP of Southern Nevada, a representative from New Frontier, and Michele has already volunteered to participate as part of SOAR, which is also funded through CABHI. Kelly added there was a suggestion when she met with CABHI grantees that one of the large challenges in implementing SOAR, in particular, has been getting Social Security to the table. Kelly recommended the Chair of the Council reach out to Social Security.

Marka Turner also volunteered, stating, the Nevada Rural Housing Authority is partnering on the housing component of that grant. Kelly recommended Ruth Hurtado-Day. Mike McMahon suggested Bitfocus, who is also a sub-grantee and HMIS part of the grant. Brian Nelson with Frontier Community Action Agency in Humboldt County voiced his interest because of his involvement in as a homeless counselor in this and another state with the homeless as a counselor, as well as working with substance abuse and mental health. Greg Cox, Director of Department of Corrections, suggested John Collins, the Statewide Re-entry Coordinator.

Ellen recapped the names of those who will participate on the CABHI State Grant Subcommittee: John Collins, Department of Corrections; Brian Nelson, New Frontier Community Action Agency; a representative from Bitfocus and an individual from HMIS; Marka Turner, Kevin Quint, Mike McMahon, Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Stephen Shipman, Kathy Thomas-Gibson, an individual from Social Security that Ellen will reach out to; Brooke Reed, Clark County Social Services; Pat Cashell; Kelly Robson; a representative from New Frontier; and Ruth Hurtado-Day.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer advised Ellen that Bitfocus and HMIS are the same thing. Ellen noted the correction and revised that there would be one individual from Bitfocus and HMIS.

MOTION: Michele Fuller-Hallauer moved to accept the new and pending members as read for the CABHI State Grant Subcommittee. Greg Cox seconded. Ellen Richardson-Adams abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. BYLAWS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT AND ADDITIONAL MEMBER NOMINATION – STEPHEN SHIPMAN “For Possible Action”

Ellen began by thanking Mr. Shipman for agreeing to Chair the Bylaws Subcommittee.

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Stephen reported that this Committee met on October 21, 2014. SEI drafted the bylaws for them to review as a committee. <..\BYLAWS\Draft Bylaws ICH rev 10-21-14.pdf> The original framework of the bylaws came from three primary sources, the Executive Order, strategic components taken from the CABHI grant expectations, and the administrative process piece is from the Governor's Food Security Council. Stephen was complimentary of the framework and thanked Kelly and the folks at SEI for drafting the bylaws. Stephen reviewed some of the modifications.

Betsy commented that from her history, bylaws were supposed to be more of a skeleton with the majority being in the Council's Strategic Plan. Betsy said she would recommend taking out the "Outcomes of the plan may include..." through that list, putting that list into the Strategic Plan, but not have it be part of the bylaws. Pastor Schmidt asked Betsy where in the bylaws she was referring. Betsy replied under Article III – Duties, last sentence under A. 1.

Ellen asked Stephen if these were taken from the Executive Order. Stephen said a. through g. came from the CABHI grant and h. and i. were added.

Tyrone Thompson said piggybacking on Betsy's comment; we should make it in more general terms because the CABHI grant is going to sunset and the Interagency Council on Homelessness will probably have a different grant. Tyrone added that if we leave the bylaws as is, we will definitely need a glossary of terms because of the acronyms.

After some discussion it was decided that Anabel Ballard will collect the suggested changes by the members and combine them into one word document with everyone's comments and suggestions. Discussion continued. Kelly recommended that Mike McMahon contact Ruth Hurtado-Day for her feedback, and Ellen said that was an excellent suggestion. Betsy stressed several of her concerns with the bylaws as written.

Ellen asked the members to please forward their bylaws recommendations to Anabel Ballard. Please contact Ellen if you do not have Anabel's information. Ellen then asked Stephen to address the second part of this agenda item.

Mr. Shipman stated the Bylaws Subcommittee is recommending Katherine "Kat" Miller from the Nevada Veteran's Administration. Ellen restated there is a request for Katherine Miller, Director for the State of Nevada Veteran's to be added to the Bylaws Subcommittee to represent veterans.

MOTION: Stephen Shipman moved to approve Katherine Miller to represent veterans on the Bylaws Subcommittee. Greg Cox seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ellen thanked Stephen and the Bylaws Subcommittee for working on this detailed document.

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The Chair recessed the meeting at 10:10 a.m. and resumed at 10:24 a.m. Due to time, the Chair took the next agenda item out of order.

IX. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATIVE NEEDS AND POTENTIAL BILL DRAFT REQUEST (BDR) TOPICS – ELLEN RICHARDSON-ADAMS “*For Possible Action*”

Ellen reported that in their last Council meeting there had been a request or discussion on whether there had been any current bill draft request placeholders. Tyrone Thompson remarked that he did not think so but that the Council has a great opportunity to come forth with some potential BDRs. He knows that one area the Council should look at is transitioning youth, 18 years old, transitioning to become adults. Their resources are very scarce, if any. They automatically go into the adult system and they are not ready. The ages from 18 to 24 are something we should look at. Michele Fuller-Hallauer added we should also look at those in foster care. Discussion followed.

Ellen referred the members to the “Session Information” handout provided by Dave Caloiaro. [..\HANDOUTS\78th \(2015\) Session Information.docx](#). Ellen advised that, based on her attempt to locate Bill Draft Requests (BDR) topics on homelessness, she was unsuccessful. There was a question as to whether this Council was able to advocate and our Deputy Attorney General provided a formal response that states there is nothing that prevents this Council from advocating, as long as the members stick to the general Executive Order. It does not prevent the Council from asking for a BDR or to help promote some level of advocacy with the correct intent.

John Schmidt asked about the role of this Council and if it made sense to go through a vetting process where the Council could have some influence or suggestion with regard to BDRs, allowing for a more focused and comprehensive approach to legislation. Tyrone agreed with John and added it is mainly timing. The next wave of BDRs are due on December 10, 2014. He is looking at a bill to address the sub-population he just talked about and thought it would be good to have the Council’s help and support.

Ellen read the e-mail from Deputy Attorney General Susanne Sliwa concerning the guidance in terms of the Council. Ellen said the legal guidance from our DAG’s, Julie and Susanne are always appreciated. Ellen asked Tyrone if he needed anything from this Council at this moment in time or was the mention of his BDR just for the Council’s information. Tyrone said, for the record, it would be best to let him do the BDR and then anyone can check to see the whole list of BDRs and support or oppose. That is the process.

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Julie agreed with Susanne's e-mail in that if the Council is going to advocate for legislation it should be within the perimeters of what the Council was created to do, which would be homelessness and promoting solutions to that. Julie does not think there is anything that would preclude the Council from advocating for bills regarding homelessness at the legislature. Julie further stated the Council would have to vote to approve a Council member to present for the Council on a BDR, which could be a simple letter to the Committee Chairman. Additionally, there is nothing that precludes anyone on the Council, as a private citizen, from going to the Legislature and advocating for whatever they want, including measures about homelessness. Ellen thanked Julie.

Tony Rameriz asked about the overall topic of BDRs and legislative procedures and if this was something the Council would be looking at as far as taking on part of its role as advocacy and legislation and would it be appropriate to discuss forming a subcommittee to identify those types of issues. Tyrone thought maybe this could be incorporated into the Council's bylaws under Purpose and Role, although putting it as general as possible, because it does not always have to be legislative advocacy. Ellen asked Julie if it would be appropriate to put advocacy in the glossary and describe lending support, consultation, and education. Julie thought that would be okay. John Schmidt agreed with Tony about establishing a subcommittee. Discussion followed.

Following discussion, Ellen restated Kevin Quint's recommendation to have Stephen and the Bylaws Subcommittee outline the advocacy component within the bylaws and, at the next subcommittee meeting, see if there are any BDRs that have been listed. Kevin also recommended that we wait to form a subcommittee, until the Bylaws Subcommittee reports back. Ellen asked if we would need a motion for the Bylaws Subcommittee to consider adding Advocacy into the bylaws, which would include a definition of perimeters.

MOTION: Kevin Quint moved that the Bylaws Subcommittee add Advocacy into the bylaws to include definition of perimeters. Stephen Shipman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. STRATEGIC PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – MARKA TURNER and MICHAEL McMAHON *For Possible Action*

Marka reported the Strategic Plan Subcommittee met on October 27, 2014, with 11 members present. They discussed the proposed Strategic Plan format template components provided by Kelly Marschall with Social Entrepreneurs. They decided to go with the option that has been revised and provided to the Council members. [../HANDOUTS/ICH Strategic Plan Template rev 10 27 14.pdf](#). The subcommittee thoroughly discussed the mission, values, and guiding principals. The template is what the subcommittee members would like to use going forward, gathering information and

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input from other pertinent stakeholders. Marka opened the floor for feedback and discussion.

Mike McMahon commented that when the subcommittee first met, they were focused on making sure the Strategic Plan was going to be inclusive and cover a broad population-base. There was a lot of discussion on what they needed, like adding other members to the subcommittee and Continuums of Care, the school district, veterans, court systems, and law enforcement. They had a lot of discussion in terms of how they were going to manage that. They decided to leave the subcommittee the way it was, with the possibility of including a representative from the Veterans. Kelly added they also talked about the roles that the Continuums of Care would play in being a feedback vehicle to inform the Plan. Mike continued that what they are presenting to the Council are the goals, strategies, and objectives as a start to the Strategic Plan.

John Schmidt commented that a lot of the strategies seem to be driven by CABHI and they deal specifically with chronic homelessness. It does not necessarily deal with some of the other issues with respect to at-risk or prevention measures. Ellen asked Marka and Mike to note those components.

Ellen gave her positive assessment on the template's format and asked for feedback from the Council. Hearing none, Ellen said the next Strategic Plan Subcommittee meeting is on November 24 and December 8, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. The public is invited. Ellen thanked the subcommittee for starting to lay this out, and Marka and Mike for taking the lead. Ellen asked if there was further discussion.

Tony asked about the timeline for getting the Strategic Plan submitted to the whole Council. Kelly answered that the subcommittee was shooting for the first part of the year. Phyllis Hargrove from HUD asked where the meeting would be held on December 8. Ellen informed Phyllis that she will receive the agenda for the December 8, 2014, Strategic Plan Subcommittee meeting and stated these meetings are by phone; although they have the ability to meet by videoconference or face-to-face. Phyllis commented on prevention being an important part of the mission. Phyllis added she doesn't know if there is any representation from Accelerate Nevada, a group that is trying to help the state be a bigger player in the federal or state grants or other types of grants. We should solicit some type of partnership with that group and have some representation either on a subcommittee or on all subcommittees so every committee can identify resources that can be pursued. Ellen asked Phyllis for the name of Accelerate Nevada's contact person.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michele Fuller-Hallauer said the Urban Core Census is on January 28, 2015, in collaboration with our balance of state and Northern Nevada CoC's. Clark County will do their rural count on the morning of January 29, 2015.

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Ellen noted under Public Comment future meeting topics:

- Michele Fuller-Hallauer will present on the 25 Cities Effort
- Katherine Miller will present on the efforts to end homelessness for veterans at a state level
- A representative from the Clark County School District (under Title 1) to present on homeless youth

Michele commented that at some point it might be good to have representation from Department of Family Services in Clark County. They have a Planning grant and there is heavily collaboration with Juvenile Justice, Department of Family Services, and Homeless Services. Ellen asked for a contact person.

Ellen asked for feedback on possible future topics where the group feels there is a need. Ellen said for persons falling into the elder/homeless category, she would like a presentation on that. Director Cox suggested John Collins, Statewide Regional Coordinator who can talk about some of the barriers and obstacles they are having with housing, et al, as well as what they are doing with identification cards, which is critically important in getting housing, jobs, and assistance.

Betsy recommended a presentation on the issue of Medicaid expansion and the number of people who now have medical coverage and are now held in acute care hospitals because they have no home to go to for wound care, etc.

Michele suggested a presentation in December around ACA, and maybe they can give a report on the TA Initiative.

Kelly Marschall recommended Kelly Robson as a resource to present on her program at the December meeting. Ms. Robson is a member of the Council through HELP of Southern Nevada, and she is implementing a program to provide housing and home health care support for individuals who are in Hospice, which is directly in response to a sub-population of the larger problem described by Betsy.

Phyllis commented that, returning to seniors, the veteran population is predominately Vietnam veterans.

Marka said we should look at discharge planning in a larger capacity of people coming out of jails, hospitals, and treatment centers. Kelly Marschall stated, when you talk to folks about the challenges of discharge planning, they will tell you there is a lack of permanent supportive housing across the state for veterans, chronically homeless, chronically homeless with co-occurring disorders, and families. The number one charge for this group should be promoting any and every opportunity to develop permanent supportive housing in Nevada.

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John Schmidt said even when we are discussing this, just from the rural prospective, they have to look at it from the standpoint of what happens if we do not have extensive supportive housing. Or, how do we develop that kind of support housing?

Michele said, as part of the spectrum for housing, there is the issue of affordable housing statewide. The hope would be that folks can get to a place of self-sufficiency, where they do not need ongoing case management services, but will need to be able to afford housing on a limited fixed income.

David Figler with the Fremont Street Experience in Las Vegas, Nevada, said in their endeavor to assess where they can have the biggest community impact, they have been talking to a lot of their business colleagues, social agencies, and non-profits. He thinks it is important for the business voice from the private sector to be present. Ellen added that that type of coordinated effort in Reno would be a good, engaging partner.

Tony recommended someone from DETR in the north and south present, because employment is a huge issue as far as moving people along the spectrum of the types of housing that are demanded.

Phyllis with HUD commented that especially since this is a statewide initiative, the state has the ability to create re-vitalization zones where they can effectively and creatively use their CBTG monies for the non-entitlement communities and it is her understanding there are no existing re-vitalization zones. They can use a lot of that money for job creation in these zones. Somehow this Council should push that as a priority and encourage some of the rural communities, like Nye County, to consider this.

Ellen then asked for discussion to set the date of the next Council meeting. Following discussion, the Council set the date and time for Friday, January 9, 2015, at 8:30 a.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Michele moved to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. Tony seconded. Motion passed unanimously.